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Working with wildlife

Monica Melichar, the founder of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, feeds Marsha, a young fawn, a bottle of milk. Summer is the busiest time for the wildlife rehabilitation centre with the young animals needing help. For the full story, see inside this issue. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Jurisdictional issues plague short-term rental governance

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

There lingered many questions behind the logistics of administering and enforcing a short-term rental bylaw in Haliburton County's municipalities.

After much discussion, county council decided July 26 to circulate a draft bylaw to

the lower tier municipalities for adoption in the interest of consistency. County staff was directed to work with the municipalities to craft a request for proposals for a third party to administer the short-term rental program.

An effective date for the bylaw will be determined depending on feedback from the municipalities.

Steve Stone, the county's planning director, said he's taken a deep dive into the

proposed bylaw to govern short-term rentals and he's tightened some aspects and tweaked some others.

"The most critical piece of the bylaw that was changed really reflects council's interest in allowing for operators to sign up and basically swear that their establishment is operating in accordance with all the rules and regulations," he said.

Those would be building codes and fire

regulations and other guidelines.

"But there is a notwithstanding clause in the bylaw that allows municipal departments to do their own deep dive (and) hold back from issuing a licence is they have a concern that they may have heard about or may have seen in their own records," Stone said.

Kawartha Lakes has recently adopted their own bylaw to regulate short-term rentals,

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Haliburton County

County looks overseas to fill physician needs

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's effort to draw doctors to the region has reached far and wide.

Wendy Welch, the county's physician recruitment coordinator, described efforts July 26 to draw doctors to the region.

She spoke to county council about the various outreach activities undertaken since May. Such three-month recruitment status updates could become a fixture at council meetings, she said.

Staff participated in a virtual conference focused on the recruitment of health care professionals.

"We had a physician candidate visit in May," she said. "He was here for four days. He was very positive about his meeting. He's a new grad. He's being pulled very hard from his hometown, but he did love it here."

The candidate referred to his time in the county as having been life-changing, she said.

"What a lot of these new grads do is they like to come as a locum, just to try things out," Welch said. "So they come and have an assessment of the community."

"Then they want to come back and work as a trial basis without making a commitment."

The candidate will work two weeks in September, starting Labour Day, she said.

"I think he'll be ready to talk about fulltime practice after that," she said.

Welch said much interest in the area was shown by physicians and nurse practitioners across Canada.

"It was good to have that national exposure," she said.

Working with Haliburton Highlands

Health Services, doctors have been rallied to cover five weeks.

Another hospitalist has signed on for a two-week locum in December.

She said the doctor is looking to relocate from another province, so it's a bit of a difficult situation logistic-wise.

"So they have asked for time to make this decision," Welch said, and added that the doctor and his wife expressed very strong interest in moving to the county.

The county's recruiters have even reached out to doctors in the United Kingdom, Welch said. Apparently, two physicians are interested in relocating to Ontario and have an acquaintance who practices medicine near Haliburton County.

"It has been recommended to staff that a greater emphasis should be placed on connecting with international doctors who are looking at Ontario for employment," she said.

There also a third UK physician interested in working with HHHS, she said.

The recent approval for a CT scanner and a CT mammography unit in the county should be like bait to lure doctors. Welch said doctors have been asking that such diagnostic equipment be acquired by HHHS.

"Especially to new grads," she said. "This (equipment) could be a game-changer."

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said recruitment staff seem to have a talent for building on the enthusiasm for the area.

According to a report to council, staff are proposing to create an action plan that would detail priorities for physician recruitment. The plan would ensure greater transparency with council, local Physicians, and residents within the region on the goals and

objectives for the department.

"I really like to see the idea that you want to work on an action plan for recruitment on the long term," Danielsen said.

Councillor Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, asked if the county's recruiters have been working with the Kawartha North Family Health Team to get an urgent

care clinic up and running at the site of the former Minden emergency department.

"They haven't reached out to me," Welch said. "The only way I've been involved so far is passing along nurse practitioners that are interested in working there because they've been contacting me."



Art for the heart

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A walk on the wild side

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

We're always running. Setting alarms on our cell phones and scheduling meetings to catch up. It's a time where we hear "I don't have the time" daily, and priorities are jumbled like word searches.

But all around us, animals exist. They thrive in nature, living at their own pace, recognizing their needs, and creating this ecosystem we all need to exist in. "We are so lucky to have the animals we have in Canada," Monica Melichar, founder of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, told me as we swatted at mosquitos on a sunny July day, "it's all so wild here."

Monica had invited me out to visit the sanctuary, tucked into the heart of the infamous Blairhampton Triangle in Minden.

As a lifelong animal lover, I thought it would be a day of petting baby critters and feeding teeny tiny birds.

But it was more than that. It was a day that was bustling and busy, a day of mixing up raw foods, and checking on animals that may not survive. It was a day of learning, of observing, and above all, witnessing selflessness. I walked away with my mind swirling with facts, figures, and ideas; a thirst for learning more, and an ache in my heart for the impact humans have on the natural world.

The early days

When asking Monica when the concept for Woodlands started, she laughed and started with, "well, when I was born ..."

I had just sat down at the patio furniture outside the rehab centre; where four volunteers were bustling about, intaking a new bird and finishing up the morning feedings. Monica had checked on a few animals before running through the plans for the day, and then joining me outside.

"I was born to work with animals," she told me, referencing times that she would try to help baby birds who had hit buildings when she was growing up in Toronto. "I just needed to save the lives that were harmed by human intervention."

That passion carried on through her upbringing, which led her to study zoology at university before becoming a foster parent with the Newmarket Humane Society. Before long, Monica opened her own pet store in Keswick, where she focused on both domestic and wild animals. "I was just kind of the local animal go-to person."

On top of the zoology degree, Monica learned about wildlife rehabilitation simply through trial and error. "I have learned a lot from my mistakes," she said, noting that wild animals are significantly different from domestic animals. "It's a constantly evolving learning experience."

In the 1990s, she became an authorized wildlife custodian, which formalized her training in working with wild animals. After rehabbing creatures for nearly 30 years, Monica and her husband moved up to the Haliburton Highlands. "We had no intention of opening a rehab centre here," she chuckled, "we tried to come up to relax, but there was such a need for it when we arrived."

In 2010, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary opened as a registered charity, and today, has grown to accommodate a base of nearly 30 volunteers, 45 acres of land, and over 800 animals treated each year. "We usually admit around three or four animals each day," she shared as she sipped her tea from her travel mug, a Woodlands sticker on the front.

As we were chatting, a young robin settled near our table.



This baby skunk was found in the parking lot at the Minden Home Hardware, approaching people as it is assumed the mother was killed. It's being raised at Woodlands before it will be released back into the wild. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

"Hi Robbie," Monica said, in a tone that was lulling and calm. "How do you recognize each animal you've treated?" I asked, genuinely curious. "It's like a baby crying or a dog barking," she told me, "you just know."

All in a day's work

Once Monica and I wrapped up our chat on the history of the facility, I was led inside to meet the volunteers. At this point, the morning feeds were wrapping up, but the buzz from the volunteers was still alive and well. Questions were called back and forth about how the foxes were doing, how the seagull was managing, and how Bailey was eating today (I learned later that Bailey was a porcupine). The word "mealworm" was tossed casually into conversations, and I heard it more in those five minutes than in the 31 years prior to that moment in my life.

I was introduced to Christina Carere, a veteran of Woodlands. She was eager to take me alongside during her rounds of the property.

The common denominator for each volunteer with the facility is compassion. A love for animals, and a belief that every little life is worth saving.

But there is also an air of reality to the rehab centre. "The nursery is like a hospital," Christina said, as we started our tour, "we are not a tourist destination." She shared that there is an MNR regulation in place that states that if the animal shows no signs of surviving on its own outside the facility, (e.g., if birds cannot fly again or ground animals cannot gather food), then Woodlands is mandated to humanely euthanize the animals. The centre is designed strictly for rehabilitation and education, not as a farm or petting zoo.

Christina shared that with me right off the bat. It's not always easy. Like anything in the natural world, where there



Volunteer Christina inspects a blanding's turtle at Woodlands to make sure his shell is healing properly.

is life, there is death. "But we always have to try," she said, "they all deserve a second chance."

We jumped right into the turtle corner of the nursery, where three young painted turtles had just had their shells glued back together. While the injuries are raw and rough, the turtles must be kept on a close watch to be mindful of bacteria, but there was one turtle who was missing a small chunk of his front left leg. The wound had completely healed, and the turtle was walking on it. "We are going to call his finder today," shared Christina, beaming.

"Finders" are the kind folks who find the animals; whether they be injured, abandoned, or sickly, and bring them to Woodlands for that second chance. If the animal is treated and deemed healthy enough to join the wild once again, those finders are contacted, and tasked with returning the critter where they were found, ready for a fresh start.

Christina walked me through the bird section, where I met a crow with a broken leg, a kestrel with a spinal injury, and a yellow-bellied sap sucker who was found abandoned, but has discovered a particular affinity for mixed berries during his stay at Woodlands. Christina greets each animal by calling herself "Auntie Chris is here to say hello!" before checking their food, clean water, and bedding.

We met three young skunks, who were discovered in the Minden Home Hardware parking lot. Despite how cute they were, I was nervous to go near them. "Don't worry," Christina said, "skunks give lots of warning when they are about to spray." She noted some signs were stomping, followed by raising of the tail, and then the final sign: when you see both the raised tail, and eye contact from the skunk. They can't spray without looking where it's going.



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A day at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary

Beside the skunks was a tiny opossum, tucked into a handknit nest. He was discovered inside the pouch of his mother, who had been killed on the road. While opossums are not native to the area, Christina said that they often curl up into the bottom of trucks and end up accidentally relocating as the truck moves. "When we release this guy, we will bring him back south, where they belong," she said. While they are often seen as pests, the marsupials are helpful as their diet consists of ticks, which run rampant in the area.

Each critter has a little clipboard by their crate, which indicates where they were found, when they were admitted, and some details on whatever ails them. As we visited each animal, Christina checked each clipboard to make sure she was up to date on each and every visitor to Woodlands.

After saying hello to two tiny snapping turtles, who were over a year old and fit into the palm of my hand, we moved outdoors.

While we began to visit the outdoor animals, Christina taught me to knock on each door, and always locate each animal inside their enclosure before setting foot inside. "They're still wild animals," she reminded me.

Our first visit was to a porcupine and her baby, known as a porcupette, which in my humble opinion as a lover of words, is one of the cutest words in the English language.

The mother was discovered recently hit on the side of the road. Upon admission to Woodlands, it was noted that she was producing milk, which meant that there was a baby out there somewhere. For four days, the finder of the mother scoured the same length



Christina feeds an infant kestrel from fresh meat.

of road where she was found. Finally, he discovered the baby, hiding in the woods, waiting for her mother to return.

The finder brought the baby to Woodlands to join the mother, who, after being previously lethargic and unwilling to cooperate, cheered up at the sight of her baby. The two are on the road to recovery now, and Christina shared that the finder will be contacted soon to return the duo to the wild.

I went on to visit a young fisher, six fox kits, a family of hawks, a Canada Goose named General who trains all the goslings how to swim, one particularly vocal red

squirrel, another porcupine named George, and Marsha, a young fawn who was born in a swamp, and her umbilical cord had gotten infected, resulting in her being abandoned. She was getting her second chance to grow at Woodlands. They all were.

Seeking compassion

With over 200 animals onsite that day, Christina shared that summer is their busy time. "This is when all the babies come in," she said, noting that over the fall and winter, it's more about injured animals, than raising young ones who have been abandoned or or-

phaned. This is why at the beginning of each summer, Woodlands is actively looking for volunteers to join their team, and tend to the increasing needs of wild animals in the area.

Because it takes a special person to care about animals. About the miniscule pink mice whose parents were killed. About the tiny squirrel with a broken leg. About the scrappy fox with wild in his eyes. About the turtle who looks too far gone to ever recover.

"There's no such thing as a pest," said Monica, "every life matters, and every life has a purpose for our balance in this world."

The majority of the animals at Woodlands are there as a direct result of human interference; whether that be cars, destroying of habitats, or the insane concept of capturing wild animals to tame as domestic pets, before noting that they were too wild, and abandoning them in the woods to fend for themselves. Several animals, including a fox, had been found wearing cat collars or had indications of being too socialized, and were struggling to survive in the wild.

While humans may be the root to so many of these problems, they are also the reason that the sanctuary exists in the first place. The kindness and selflessness from volunteers, the dedication from the finders, the hope and belief that every little wild life matters.

So maybe we should all take a break from always running. From setting alarms on our cell phones and scheduling meetings to catch up. Maybe, while we watch these animals get their second chances, we should take a note from them; to live with a purpose, at our own pace, while respecting and truly appreciating the natural world around us.



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Not my problem

“I’m frustrated that we are starting to look like we can’t make a decision if our life depends on it because we’ve been talking about this for a year. Not six months,” County Warden Liz Danielsen recently shared during yet another go-around of the short term rental (STR) conversation.

There are a few moving pieces to this debate. The major one is who is responsible from a bylaw perspective. We are no stranger to the constant back and forth between county responsibility and lower-tier initiatives.

When I try to explain how our community works to friends who don’t live here, or my children who are in the early stages of attempting to comprehend local geography, the multi-layered approach to our governance requires more than a few deep breaths and a notebook to map it all out.

Some roads belong to one group, other roads, right beside said road, belong to another group. Heaven forbid one group dabble in the improvement or restoration of a road that does not belong to them but exists a mere three feet away.

Surely tourists will understand that the patchy potholes are the county’s job, not the responsibility of Minden, the town they are visiting.

I understand the budgeting dynamic and how it works. I understand the allocation of finances, and the vision that each individual municipality should take pride and autonomy in the community they call home.

In theory, the multi-tiered system should adequately listen, support, and implement the requests and needs of each community.

But in practice, it falls apart. The way that our lives are intrinsically woven together blurs the division of labour, bylaws, and expectations across the lines.

And now, Minden is sinking. With barely any senior staff working in the building and each department struggling to stay afloat, what are the next steps for this lower tier? Do we look to the county for support? Or are they accustomed to staying in their lane like they have been for all these years.

I believe in the independent pride of each community. I believe Minden, Dysart, Algonquin Highlands, and Highlands East

each have individual appearances, outlooks, assets, and visions. I believe the people of each community deserve to be celebrated and seen.

But in the constant back and forth between who’s job is whose, we lose that value.

We lose that vision.

We lose our momentum.

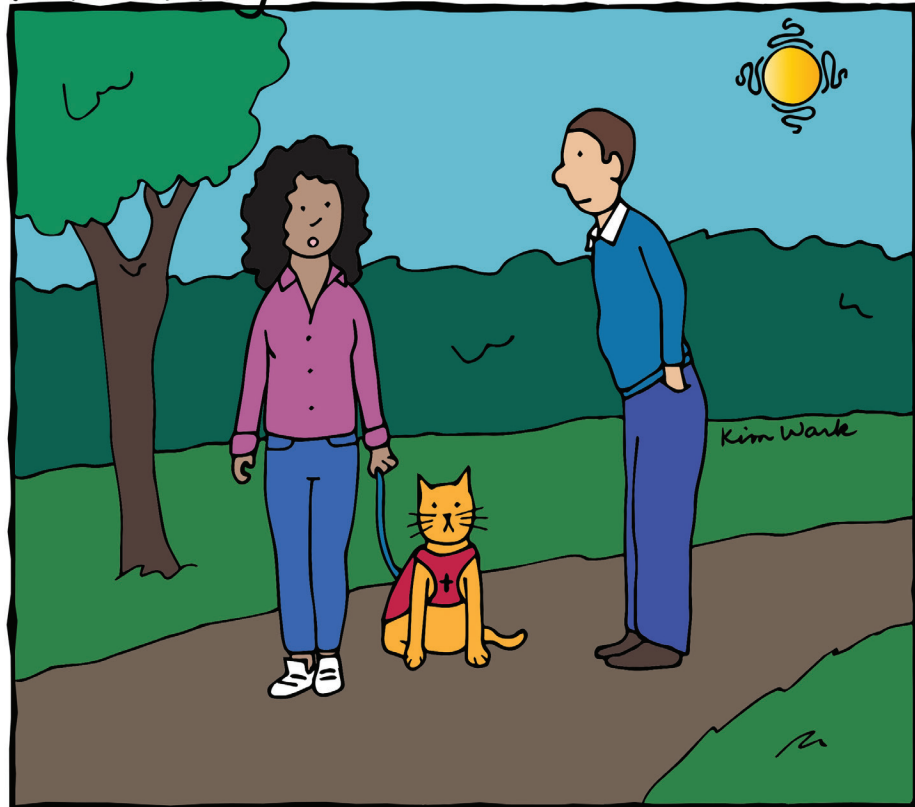
It is refreshing to hear Danielsen quip that these decisions are taking too long. Short term rentals are a hot topic, and because the regulations have been juggled around for years, the logistics of the STR industry in the area are mottled. We lost our chance to get in at the ground level of regulations because a group of people we voted in (or hadn’t voted in...) couldn’t decide whose problem it was.

Now, it’s all of our problems.

It’s time to take a good look at what the multi-tiered system of government is doing to our community, and whether there are too many cooks in the kitchen to know what tastes right.

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Kwarky



“Whenever I feel anxious, my service cat reminds me how insignificant my problems and I am.”

Cold fronts

TO NORMAL people, a cold front describes what happens when you keep your back to a fire. To an angler, however, a cold front is a minor disaster – on par with an unexpected wedding invitation or vegan buffet.

That’s because during the first few days of a cold front it becomes difficult to catch fish. This is due to cold air and wind lowering water temperatures, which slows down the metabolism of the fish. This makes them lethargic and causes them to go deeper to find more stable temperatures. The result: they are less active, harder to find, and less hungry. In fact, I would say their appetite is comparable to that of a 4-year-old with a salad. To be successful, you must first find them, then place a lure, fly, or bait right in front of the fish, then slow down your retrieve, and hope for the best.

Or not fish.

Of course, “or not fish” is not really an option for those who planned a fishing trip in advance. No person in the recorded history of angling has ever said, “I booked a day off to fish, but a cold front came in, so I will not fish.”

It is not the way of our people.

For one thing, for non-angling spouses, this translates to, “Yes, I will stay home and do chores instead.”

For another, hope springs eternal in the heart of the angler. Even when that heart is near frozen.

This explains why my cousin and me were on the lake yesterday in the middle of this summer’s worst cold front. And if you doubt this was an act of sheer optimism, consider the fact that we were also wearing shorts.

Did we catch fish? About a dozen, in fact – many of which were warmer than we

were.

Were any of them bigger than a pound? I won’t waste your time answering a question you didn’t ask.

The point is we had fun. And, if you look at it from a purely angling perspective, a cold front is very useful.

First and foremost, it gets you acclimated for the upcoming ice fishing season. This is important because January will soon be upon us, and you don’t want to wait till then to do this.

Secondly, it allows the suffering anglers to review and utilize their repertoire of excuses – and even dig deep into the obscure ones.

For instance, yesterday, while we were launching, I saw a lone hexegenia limbata mayfly floating like a sailboat on the water. So, in a rare chance to use that excuse, I said to Chris, “That hex mayfly on the water could mean tough fishing. When a hatch of hexes is on, fish feed heavily. They might not be hungry...”

“But there’s only one,” he said.

“Lone survivor,” I replied.

Throughout a morning of poor fishing, we were cursing hexegenia limbata mayflies – and I won’t lie to you, it felt good. We even redoubled our efforts when at about 11 a.m., we saw another one airborne within 30 yards of where we were fishing, although the fist shaking was probably a bit much.

Chris also tried his hand at the old “dog days of August” excuse, even though we were not quite yet into August. Still, he brilliantly justified that by suggesting, “Everything seems a week earlier this year.”

In the end, the fishing was fun, if not exactly fruitful. But that’s a cold front for you. You can either enjoy it or complain till you are blue in the face.

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Is the world getting happier?

SOME GOOD news: Despite weather disasters and war the world apparently has become a happier place.

The annual Gallup Global Emotions Report shows people around the world generally more positive in 2022 than they were a year before. More people felt well-rested, experienced enjoyment, and smiled or laughed than in 2021.

That finding is supported by the market research company Ipsos which says global happiness is six points higher than one year ago. It says 73 per cent of adults across 32 world markets describe themselves as happy.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

I'm taking all that with a grain of salt, or more likely a shot of whiskey.

The happiness polls show pockets of unhappiness that are deeper and wider than the pollsters realize.

Gallup, an analytics and advisory company, has reported steadily rising negative feelings since 2006 when it reported a negative experience of index of 23. The index rose steadily to a record 33 in 2021 and remains there.

Gallup also found that 41 per cent of people last year experienced worry while 32 per cent said they experienced daily pain.

But this year's increase in global happiness is driven by a few unlikely areas. Latin America, notably Brazil, Peru, Argentina and Columbia, has seen a remarkable year-over-year happiness increase. Western countries are showing decreases with the number of Canadians feeling happy down six per cent in the last year.

In 2012 Canada was listed as the world's fourth happiest country. Last year we were rated 15th happiest.

The reasons why Canadian happiness has fallen so far should be fairly obvious. Ask anyone close by you and you'll likely hear complaints about high food prices, absurdly high housing costs, increasing crime and violence and a feeling that governments have made little progress in solving those issues.

Unhappy feelings will continue until political leaders start tracking the wellbeing of their citizens. The standard political game now is to smile into the cameras, and talk about statistics on inflation, Gross Domestic Product, unemployment and other statistical trends.

They should spend less time tracking statistical dumps and more time face to face with the people they are elected to serve. Listening to people and tracking their wellbeing will get governments a lot more insight into solutions than will bare statistics.

Jon Clifton, the CEO of Gallup, has said that the job of leaders is not to make people feel happy.

"The role of leaders should be to reduce misery," he says. "And the problem in the world today is that misery is rising.

"Measuring how people feel must be a priority of world leaders if we are going to reverse this global rise of misery."

Good thoughts but governments alone cannot improve our lives or our sense of well-being.

Canadians have assumed that governments can effectively provide everything people need, from protection of rights to preventing violence to maintaining a strong economy.

We should no longer assume that. Few of us are even aware of what the issues are or how our governments are approaching them. We're information lightweights.

People today view important issues in video-clip form. We are too busy to gather and absorb details that make a complete story. We form opinions with little information.

Perhaps we just get tired of hearing problems. Global warming is killing us. The health care system is failing us. The grocery company czars are fleecing us.

The news often is so depressing that we turn to the lighter stuff.

A stunning example of how we look away from important happenings and give more attention to lightweight matters was shown recently by London, England's Guardian newspaper.

The Guardian reported that a Google news search found that the news media ran more than 10,000 stories this year about Phillip Schofield, the British television celebrity who resigned over an affair with a young colleague. Another Google search recorded a global total of only five news stories about a scientific study showing the likelihood of major world crop losses caused by climate change are being dangerously underestimated.

Giving less importance to the real world in favour of celebrity gossip won't help to find solutions to the serious problems facing the world.

We all have to get better informed.

letters to the editor

Appreciating Music at the Fairgrounds

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to Jack Brezina's column in the *Minden Times* concerning the "Music By The Gull", now Music at the Fairgrounds.

I totally understand why people enjoy the ambience of the river and the downtown setting, but I must tell you from an entertainer's perspective why it is far better held at the Fairgrounds.

My band and I feel privileged to have been asked to entertain at this event for many years, but we are SO happy it has been moved to the Fairgrounds, and here is why.

1. There is no protection for the entertainers. As the sun goes down, it is in your face, and is extremely HOT! If a storm comes up (which it has), with thunder, and lightning, all the listeners head for their cars, but the entertainers have nowhere to go. The sound equipment, and instruments worth thousands of dollars get soaked and ruined.

2. The power source is from an adjacent business, so you have to run extension cords and power bars. If it rains, they are lying in water, making for a very dangerous situation.

3. Minden Hills only allows the street to be shut down for a limited amount of time, so the

minute you sing your last song, the barricades are lifted and traffic resumes. So while you are trying to pack your equipment away and get it loaded, cars are speeding by you. I personally have been almost run down more than once.

So folks, as much as it is pretty downtown by the river, and as much as I enjoy doing music, I don't enjoy the possibility of passing out from heat exhaustion, getting soaked, hit by a car, or electrocuted, not to mention having to replace my equipment.

In my opinion Minden is very fortunate to have a large piece of property where events such as this can be held. At the Fairgrounds there is a stage, with a proper power source. There is plenty of room for cars, lawn chairs, and dancing, and only two minutes from downtown. It is certainly a much safer place to be for all concerned. The Fairgrounds is under utilized. There could be and should be a whole lot more happening. So please, continue to come and listen to the local talent and support the Lions Club who make it happen. The Lions do great things in this community.

**Linda Robertson,
Minden**

Thanks for the beauty!

To the Editor,

Just want to say how much I've enjoyed seeing the gorgeous hanging baskets along Bobcaygeon Road. They just get bigger and rounder. Such a cheerful sight. Thank you to whoever is responsible.

**Sharyn McAlpine,
Minden**

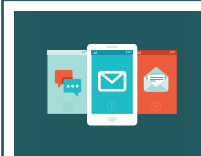
Kudos to Jack

To the Editor,

RE: Point of View, July 26/23

Well said, Mr. Brezina, absolutely spot on!

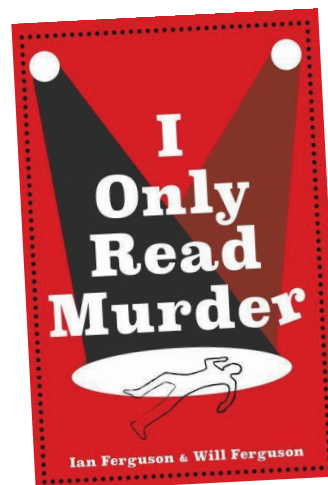
**Janine Harrison,
Minden**



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HCPL's Book of the Week



Miranda Abbott, once known for the crime-solving, karate-chopping church pastor she played on network television, has hit hard times. In dire straits, Miranda signs up for an amateur production at the Happy Rock Little Theater, competing against the local real estate agent for the lead role. In front of a packed house, one of the actors is murdered, live, onstage. But out of one hundred witnesses, no one actually saw what happened. Clearly, the only way to solve this mystery is for Miranda to summon her skills as television's Pastor Fran and draw on the help of her new sidekick, Susan, a shy bookstore clerk who seems to know everyone's secrets. Because the show must go on!

I Only Read Murder by Ian Ferguson and Will Ferguson is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Spirit of volunteerism high amongst local youth

Ella Gervais helps a young camper hop on her horse.
/Photo submitted



by **CHRISTINE CARR**
Times Staff

The spirit of volunteerism is high amongst many of Haliburton County’s youth, and that is especially true for 14-year old Ella Gervais. Ella, who is currently entering her grade 10 year at HHSS, spends her summers giving back to the community that raised her. She has spent the last two summers volunteering her time at South Algonquin Camp located at Winding River Equine, helping a new generation develop a love of horses.

Spending her days helping kids at the camp, Ella has already far surpassed the forty hours of community service required for graduation. Earning approximately 105 volunteer hours before her first day of Grade 9, this year she is volunteering even more hours and will far surpass that number.

“I chose to volunteer here because I love working with horses and helping others develop their riding and horsemanship skills. It also comes with many learning opportunities and a chance to get out of the house. As a bonus, many of my friends volunteer/work here,” Ella said about why she chose to volunteer at the camp.

South Algonquin Camp offers summer day camps for kids interested in learning more about horses. It has a number of youth that volunteer, ensuring that campers have a great time and develop their own love for horses.

Teri Lindsay, the owner of the camp, described what the program is like for campers.

“Everything they do all day is horse related. They come in, if they’ve never had any interaction with horses before we start right at the very beginning...teaching them all the horse care stuff. Every day they get to ride twice. A lot of what the leaders do is making sure the kids stay safe around the animals,” she said.

The volunteer leaders such as Ella were all once campers that completed the program, proving their worth and knowledge as young learners. “To have the leaders out in the rings able to...make sure that they stay safe out there is really essential. It means the kids get to do a lot more,” Lindsay said.

Ella, who has Type 1 diabetes, never lets that slow her down. “Despite the medical challenges that she has, she doesn’t let that slow her down. A lot of kids would take that and go, ‘Oh, I can’t do that’ she is like, ‘yeah, whatever, let me carry on’... she has lots of reasons she could use as excuses to not do things and she doesn’t,” said Lindsay.

Lindsay described how she has seen Ella grow and change over the course of her time volunteering with the camp as her leadership skills have improved.

“She is so enthusiastic. She is always willing to help. She is one of those kids who looks ahead and sees what needs to be done...she is one of the best, most organized kids I have. Her attention to detail and making sure things get done correctly is really amazing to me, even more this year than last year. She has really come a long way...” Lindsay said.

Catherine Andress, Ella’s mother, described how Ella has improved her skills over her time volunteering. “She has certainly learned many skills through her two summers of volunteering—things about organization and managing people, and, of course, horses. I especially love watching the confidence that grows from this”.

Volunteerism is high in Haliburton County, and today’s youth are no exception. Ella, along with her friends, looks forward to continuing to volunteer at and participate in programs at Winding River Equine all year long.

As one of a number of local youth volunteering at South Algonquin Camp, Ella is proof that today’s youth are doing great things. To learn more about the day camp visit Winding River Equine at <https://www.southalgonquincamp.ca/>.

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County to draft accommodation tax rules for towns' consideration

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

There's a handful of core items lower tier municipalities will have to consider if they're to adopt a municipal accommodation tax.

Scott Ovell, Haliburton County's economic development and tourism director, laid out the important issues to be considered by the four townships when drafting a bylaw to level an accommodation tax on short-term property rental operators.

County council tasked staff July 26 to draft a municipal accommodation tax bylaw for consideration by the lower tier municipalities. The tax will only apply to short-term rental properties.

Ovell said the most important core items revolve around tax rate, its collection, designating an eligible tourism entity half of the funds from taxation will support, and the use of funds.

"Not so much about how they use it because the lower tiers can kind of more or less do whatever they wish with it," Ovell said. "It would be any stipulations they want to put on the eligible tourism entity when they direct the funds there. Maybe there's something specific."

He said, particularly with short-term rentals, a third-party service provider that can handle collecting the tax would be well worth considering.

"In reality, if you were to get 50 per cent of the short-term rentals in your jurisdiction to remit an accommodation tax, you're probably doing better than 95 per cent of the province," he said.

Members of the county's economic development and tourism staff recently spoke with their provincial tourism counterparts and Airbnb representatives about short-term rentals.

The Airbnb crowd made it clear that they're not going to pony up an accommodation tax to a municipality until the province mandates it has to be paid if that municipality has such a tariff on the books.

Ovell said an accommodation tax has been pretty steady across the province at four per cent. Except for Toronto where the rate just recently increased to six per cent on short-term rentals.

"So that is worth consideration that, if you feel because we're not doing this on your traditional roofed accommodation, you could explore going at a higher tax rate," he said.

A higher tax rate would be smart, given councillors have said they don't want tax dollars going into any aspect of the short-term rental program.

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— SCOTT OVELL

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"For consistency, we talked about four per cent is pretty much standard across the board," Ovell said.

Haliburton County is the region's destination marketing arm to draw people to its lower tiers. The county isn't a not-for-profit, so that rules out money from the accommodation tax being funneled back to the upper tier.

He said the best way around that would be to create a non-profit corporate entity. That's the route Huntsville and Gravenhurst have taken.

Legal opinions will need to be obtained about creating a not-for-profit entity or a municipal services corporation, he said. And it could take a year to 18 months before the county can get an idea of how much money will be generated.

"So, if it's possible, it probably would make sense just to have that municipal services corporation consist of members of (county) council," Ovell said. "One reason is, essentially, that gives the lower tiers 100 per cent control of the money that's collected."

Councillor Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, asked if some of the money generated by the accommodation tax could be used to pay for the bylaw's enforcement.

"You can do what you want with it," Ovell said. "There's no stipulation on the 50 per cent that you retain."

The other 50 per cent goes toward a local tourism entity.

Huntsville stows a large chunk of its share of the tax money in a fund for affordable housing, he said.

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Climate change has a personal connection to us all

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The reality that there's a connection between climate and health has been recognized globally.

And Sue Shikaze, a promoter in the health protection division at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, detailed that connection for Haliburton County council July 26.

She said the unit has been working locally on the climate-health connection, vulnerability assessments, and adaptation, and how it relates to what elected representatives do at the upper tier level.

She said the connection that climate change has bearing on individual health has been made globally by the World Health Organization and nationally by Canada's chief medical officer of health.

"Climate change is not only an environmental issue, but it's also a health issue," Shikaze said. "It impacts us at an individual level through our health."

At the local level, Shikaze is the official charged with completing health vulnerability and adaptation assessments.

"The research shows that adaptation is most effectively done at a local level," she said.

Her task is over two phases. The first was completed in June and culminated in a breakdown across six categories of impacts



The HKPR Health Unit has been working on assessing the connection to climate change and health. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Times

on health: Extreme temperatures, extreme weather and natural events, vector-borne diseases, safe food and water, air quality, and exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation.

Quite a laundry list of woe.

"I know we've seen locally for probably the first time in a long time the impacts of wild fires and how that effected our air quality locally," she said.

Similar to the COVID-19 pandemic in how certain populations were affected more than others, climate change affects everyone but certain people will be touched differently.

That led to an evaluation of health unit programming to see how they can contribute to climate adaptation and resilience.

Being more vulnerable to climate change is a function of three things.

"It's exposure, sensitivity, and ability to adapt," she said.

Aside from physical impacts like respiratory illnesses and heat-related problems, climate change has an increased bearing on

people's mental health.

To contribute to adaptation, HKPR officials keep an eyes on ticks and mosquitos for the vector problems such as Lyme disease and West Nile. They test recreational water supplies, do public informational outreach, advocate health policy, and work toward reducing poverty.

"But the reality is that Public Health can't do this work alone," Shikaze said. "It does require collaboration across multiple sectors, including municipalities and other levels of government and public agencies."

Climate change affects us all, she said. Not just polar bears and glaciers.

"It's impacting us and our health right here in our communities," Shikaze said.

The next phase involves the development of an adaptation action plan looking at the health unit's work, how it addresses climate adaptation, and whatever else needs to be done to ensure health protection.

A draft report of the adaptation action plan will be completed by December or early next year, she said.

Councillor Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, gave kudos for how the Shikaze's work is focused on residents as opposed to the debate as to what's causing climate change.

He said one of the aspects of addressing climate change that concerns him other than the health effects is the financial burden slowing it will entail.

"It's going to be a financial challenge coming forward, especially in 2024," Ryall said.

Shikaze said municipalities are already doing much of the work. The key is in how that work is framed around addressing climate change.

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HHLT hires Partners in Conservation coordinator

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is pleased to announce that Rick Whitteker will be its new Partners in Conservation (PIC) Coordinator. Rick's PIC Coordinator role will support private landowners who have joined the PIC program and to raise the profile of the program in the hopes of recruiting more conservation partners.

Rick has lived in Haliburton County since 1997, originally working for Haliburton Forest as an outdoor educator, followed by 15 years with Fleming College as a faculty and coordinator of the Outdoor and Adventure Education program.

According to Rick: "For many years I have enjoyed the outdoors recreationally and as a guide, interpreter, writer, and educator. The PIC Coordinator position is a great opportunity to give back to nature by supporting private landowner conservation efforts. I am especially excited to be involved in HHLT's local conservation effort called the Highlands Corridor."

Shelley Hunt, Chair of HHLT said: "We're delighted to have Rick fulfill this important role. His experience and enthusiasm for the Highlands Corridor project will help attract further partners in conservation".

Rick's position will be funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Schad Foundation.

The Highlands Corridor covers approximately 100,000 hectares and connects three provincial parks in Ontario: Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands just south of Minden, Kawartha Highlands in northern Peterborough

County and Silent Lake in Highlands East. Biodiversity is rich in the Highlands Corridor with 40 Species at Risk, 25 provincially significant species and 43 regionally rare species. Wetland representation is high at 17.9 per cent including 4800 hectares of provincially significant wetlands.

The HHLT is seeking protection of the uncaded crown land within the Highlands Corridor (~60,000 ha) as a Conservation Reserve, with the goal of protecting species at risk, providing a natural wildlife corridor, protecting wetland habitats, increasing biodiversity, and strengthening climate change resiliency.

The PIC program targets landowners committed to landscape conservation with properties that strategically bridge gaps between fragmented crown land within the Highlands Corridor. The program provides a property tax incentive for a 10-year term through enrollment in Ontario's Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, assisting landowners in developing management plans with objectives of enhancing environmental protection and wildlife habitat. The PIC program has been very successful with a current portfolio of 1740 ha of private land supporting the conservation effort.

For more information on the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Partners in Conservation Program, please visit haliburtonlandtrust.ca or email info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

*Submitted by the
Haliburton Highlands Land Trust*

Ready for Rotaryfest

Rotary Club of Minden partners with the Community in its upcoming Rotaryfest on Aug. 12 at Minden Fairgrounds. This event is in its second year of rollout and is bigger and better than ever. Headed up by an early morning Hot Air Balloon ride (weather permitting) sponsored by Lynda Litwin Re/Max, this event promises to be an exciting day full of fun and laughter. Early risers also include a large Trunk Sale lining the Fairgrounds and the BBQ Rotary Chefs providing "Peameal on a Bun", Rotary Dogs and Burgers. Skyline Dance Studio are on deck at 10 a.m. with kids games and a performance from their ever amazing dance team.

Host Dan Sullivan from Canoe FM kicks off the musical entertainment at 11:30 a.m.

with Haliburton Highlands Pipes and Drums leading into performances from Albert Saxby, Trina West, Laren Main and friends, Jeff Moulton and Mike Clewlow and Doug Hall.

All entry, events and Rotary bbq are strictly by donations as Rotary would like everyone in the community to be able to participate in the summer fun at the Grounds.

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Information can be found on the Rotary website www.mindenrotary.ca

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Blanchet
Lot 28, Concession 5, Maple Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 2, Maple Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: PART of the Original Shore Allowance in front of Lot 28, Concession 5, geographic Township of Stanhope, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10825.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **17th day of August, 2023** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: August 2nd, 2023

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Leslie English from the Abbey Gardens Pony Powered Learning Experience (APPLE) leads a session on July 28 around the Abbey Gardens property.



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SEEKING MEMEBERS FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE

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To view the Terms of Reference for the Recreation Committee please visit the website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca/municipal-services/committees/ or for more information please contact Chris Card, Parks, Recreation and Trails Manager at ccard@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9033.

Expression of Interest will be accepted by the undersigned until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023.

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NOTICE

Planning Department Fees and Charges

NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider amending Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-Law 2022-114 at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

The fees and charges amendment being proposed is related to the Planning Department for the inclusion of a deposit of \$2500.00 for legal fees in relation to Encroachment Agreements and License of Occupation.

For further information please contact Sean O'Callaghan, Planner at socallaghan@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-489-2379 ext. 324.

Dated: August 2, 2023

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When: Sat. Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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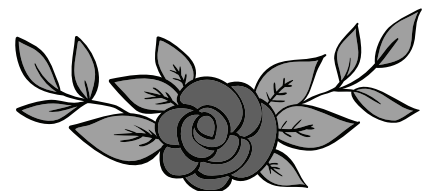



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Bill joined the Ontario Provincial Police under badge # 2516 in 1964 at the Peterborough Detachment and retired at the Minden Detachment.

A Graveside Service to Celebrate Bill's Life will be held at the Gelert Cemetery on a date and time to be announced.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation- Palliative Care Room (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Sandra Marie Legge (nee Marshall)*Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on
Sunday, July 23, 2023, with her loving family by her side.*

Devoted wife of Mike Legge of Minden. Loving mother of Melanie Legge (Brian Duval) and Terri Rothwell (Thomas Roseberry). Loving grandmother of Chelsea, Nathan, Aiden, Logan and Mikaela. Dear sister of David (deceased)(Pat) Marshall, and Debbie (Paul) Warren. Sandra is lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

In accordance to her wishes, Sandra has been cremated. A memorial visitation to celebrate her life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, 12847 Highway 35 N., Minden on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

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Planning the future

Environment and quality of life items high on everyone's list

It was not surprising perhaps that quality of life issues and protection of the environment were high priority items when citizens from throughout the county met in Haliburton last week to help develop a vision for the future of the Highlands.

The public consultation was organized by a committee of county councillors with facilitator Chris Bryant. At the meeting, called 'Toward a Strategic Plan for the County', the over 100 participants were asked to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the region, and then help develop some strategies for positive change in the near and medium future.

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey was on hand to welcome the participants to the meeting. In his opening remarks he noted that two years ago the county made a commitment to create a strategic plan by 1997 and have an official plan in place by 1998. "This is our commitment to that process, he told the gathering.

Fearrey said that during the past 20 years the focus in the county has been on tourism. While acknowledging that it was an important part of the

economy, he said the county must grow beyond that and not be "boxed in" by a single identity or focus. "Open your minds to the next 15 years," he challenged the participants.

Bryant explained that community-based planning, such as the group was involved in, is always the most successful. "If local people are not involved in the planning process and have some 'ownership' of the process, it is not likely to succeed," he told the meeting.

(more on page 6)

Mavor will not seek re-election

Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor has announced that he will not be seeking re-election in the upcoming November municipal election.

The reeve announced his intention at the annual meeting of the Halls and Hawk lakes Property Owners Association, July 13 at Camp Kawabi. Mavor offered two reasons for not running, "I'm 75 (years of age)," he told the crowd. "It is not that I am having a health problem, rather, my health is still good and I want to take advantage of that."

The reeve had praise for the lake association saying, "It is groups like yours that make it easy to do my job."

Mavor said he did not want to advise the members how to vote in the upcoming election. However, he noted that the other members of council have all filed their nomination papers, and he did point out that municipalities are going through a major transition and suggested, "...you should keep continuity in leadership in mind when casting your vote." The other four incumbent members of Stanhope council have already indicated their intention to seek public office. Eleanor Harrison has filed for reeve; Murray Daniels for Deputy Reeve and Anne Barker and Jim Hicks for councillor.



First Annual Quilt Show packs them in

Patrons admire the workmanship in one of many fine quilts on display at the First Annual Quilt, Rug and Fibre Arts Antiques Show. For more photos from the show, see page 5.

Private company resurrects Bark Lake leadership centre

by Jerry Grozelle

When the provincial government announced it would be closing the Bark Lake Learning Centre near Irondale, there were fears that the operation would be sold to someone who would turn it into an exclusive country club.

That hasn't happened.

The centre was operated by the Ontario government since its beginning in 1948, but changing priorities resulted in the facility being sold. The centre had the reputation as an

excellent leadership training facility and many were concerned the educational opportunities offered at Bark Lake would be lost.

Enter Izumi Outdoors, the company that produces Bob Izumi's Real Fishing Show, Real Fishing Radio and Real Outdoors Magazine.

"We are very excited about the future of this outstanding centre," said Wayne Izumi, president of Izumi Outdoors, at a get-acquainted session at the centre July 21. "For years, Bark Lake has been synony-

mous with top notch leadership training. We intend to continue that tradition by offering world class training programs and by hiring the best qualified staff

(more on page 3)

Due to the Civic Holiday next Monday, the next edition of *The Times* will appear Tuesday, August 5.



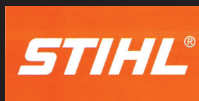
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